

foreign-sourced palm oil is allowed into the RFS program. Congress always intended for the RFS to support domestic biofuel production, not imports.

I appreciate that oil palm trees have the potential to provide efficient, low-carbon oil, but the United States must take a stand against human rights abuses and destructive cultivation practices that set us back in our efforts to combat climate change and global deforestation. American foreign relief, including financing provided under the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, cannot support unsustainable practices, enable foreign corruption, or contribute to forced labor, child labor, or the displacement of indigenous peoples.

Madam Speaker, the United States must ensure that palm oil imports are grown in a lawful, sustainable, ethical, and responsible manner. I urge all Members to join me in co-sponsoring the "End Palm Oil Deforestation Act."

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF
PHOENIX PRIDE

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. GALLEGO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 40th annual Phoenix Pride Festival and Parade which will take place on November 6th and 7th. Each year, this event brings together Arizonans, entertainers, vendors, and community resources to celebrate and uplift members of the Arizona LGBTQ+ community and to further Phoenix Pride's mission of creating a more diverse, inclusive, and equal Arizona.

In addition to celebrating the 40th anniversary of Phoenix Pride, I would also like to recognize and thank the Phoenix Pride Community Foundation which has given over \$1 million in contributions since its creation. The Phoenix Pride Community Foundation supports the work of non-profits serving the LGBTQ+ community in Arizona through its grants programs and helps LGBTQ+ students and allies achieve their dreams of higher education through its scholarship program.

Since its founding in 1981, Phoenix Pride has been a beacon of hope and acceptance for the Phoenix LGBTQ+ community. Thanks in part to the hard work of Phoenix Pride, Phoenix ranks among the most LGBTQ+-friendly cities in the state, with protections against discrimination and a strong, involved LGBTQ+ community. While significant progress has been made in recent years, Phoenix Pride continues to tirelessly work to combat homophobia, transphobia, and discrimination in Arizona and across the country.

I would like to again congratulate Phoenix Pride on their 40th Festival and Parade, thank them for their work to make Phoenix a more inclusive and just city, and wish them all the best on another 40 years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER
VIRGINIA GOVERNOR, LINWOOD
HOLTON, JR.

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I take this time to remember former Virginia Governor Linwood Holton Jr., who passed away on October 28, 2021. Linwood was the state of Virginia's first Republican governor elected post-Reconstruction, and his tireless efforts for political cooperation between the two parties led to progress that would impact not only the Commonwealth, but the entire nation.

Linwood's love for politics was sparked at a young age. In high school, he was involved in a mock government program that was run through Virginia Tech. It was at this point that Linwood realized his long-term goal in life was to serve as governor of Virginia. He then began his studies at Washington and Lee, but in 1943, he entered the Navy as an engineering officer, serving with the Submarine Force. After the war, Linwood finished his undergraduate degree at Washington and Lee and was admitted to Harvard Law School, where he graduated in 1949.

Throughout Linwood's time as Governor from 1970 through 1974, he was a champion for civil rights that led the effort to end racial discrimination in Virginia. He was the first governor of Virginia to appoint black individuals to high-level government posts. He also led by example during the integration of public schools in Virginia, when he sent his children to schools being integrated.

Linwood's life was filled with patriotism and public service. Linwood believed in two-party cooperation, often reaching across the aisle to consider and enact state-wide policies that would benefit Virginians. He will be missed for his passion for change, but his impact will live on.

He is survived by his wife Virginia, his four children, Anne, Tayloe, Woody, and Dwight, and several grandchildren. His son-in-law, Senator Tim Kaine, continues his legacy of public service.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me and countless others as we recognize the many contributions of Linwood Holton, Jr.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, due to personal reasons, I was unable to vote on November 3, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on roll call No. 354, and YEA on roll call No. 355.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR
JAMES GORRIS' 16 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GI-
BRALTAR

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor James Gorris on the occasion of his retirement after over 16 years of service to the City of Gibraltar, Michigan. His significant contributions to the Gibraltar community are worthy of commendation.

Born in Wyandotte, Michigan and a graduate of Lincoln Park High School, Mayor James Gorris is a downriver native. He was first elected to his position in 2009 and was reelected 6 more times until his retirement. Before becoming Mayor of Gibraltar, he served the community as a member of the Gibraltar City Council.

During his tenure as Mayor, Mayor Gorris has improved the lives of Gibraltar residents in many ways. He has led the way in obtaining grants for investments in infrastructure, including the replacement of the bridge over Middle Gibraltar Road, a path for walkers and bikers along the boundary of the Detroit International Wildlife Refuge, and the City's renewal of the water system. Mayor Gorris has worked closely with stakeholders on the multimillion dollar plan to renovate and repurpose the old McLouth Steel Plant.

All who know him can attest to his strength of character and commitment to making Gibraltar a better place for all. Mayor Gorris credits his success to the hard work and dedication of city employees, the city council, and Gibraltar's police and fire departments. His strong relationships within his own community, as well as with state, local, and federal leaders made him a stellar advocate for the exceptional place that he calls home. Mayor Gorris and his wife Tamey have four grown children and they reside in Gibraltar.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mayor James Gorris for his exemplary 16 years of service to the City of Gibraltar, Michigan. I join with Jim's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement.

HONORING CAPTAIN DAN STEPHAN

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Dan Stephan on his retirement from the Madison, Indiana Police Department following 45 years of public service.

Captain Stephan joined the Madison Police Department on August 29, 1976. Daniel "D.J." Stephan rose through the ranks and was appointed Captain on July 9, 2000. Captain Stephan is Madison's longest serving merit police officer.

Throughout his many years with the Madison Police Department, Captain Stephan served as a firearms instructor and won several "top gun" awards in competition. After working 44 city parades, Captain Stephan